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Applicant Education

BA/BS From	Georgetown University
Date of BA/BS	May 2018
JD/LLB From	Columbia University School of Law
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Date of JD/LLB	May 15, 2023
Class Rank	School does not rank
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Columbia Human Rights Law Review
Moot Court Experience	No

Bar Admission

Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/Externships	Yes
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

Paradis, Michel
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References

Professor Paul Shechtman (646-746-8657, paulshechtman1@gmail.com); Professor Lori F. Damrosch (212-854-3740, damrosch@law.columbia.edu); Professor Michel Paradis (212-854-5332, mparadis@law.columbia.edu); The Honorable Judge Richard J. Sullivan (212-857-2450, Richard_Sullivan@ca2.uscourts.gov)

This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.

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June 8, 2023

The Honorable Judge Timothy James Kelly
United States District Court
District of Columbia
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Kelly:

I recently graduated from Columbia Law School and I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers for the position open in 2025.

I plan to pursue a career in litigation and eventually work in the public interest, either at a U.S. Attorney's Office or a federal agency focused on international and national security issues. I am certain clerking in your chambers would prove invaluable in pursuit of these goals. I am also certain I have the skills necessary to be a successful district court clerk. Working as a journalist before law school, I learned to write and research effectively and efficiently. Covering breaking news, I translated complicated stories into simple narratives on tight timelines. I honed these skills at Columbia, where I acted as a teaching assistant for President Lee Bollinger and Professor Lori Damrosch, and as a Notes Editor for the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

I have attached my resume, transcript, and writing sample. I have also included letters of recommendation from Professor Paul Shechtman (646-746-8657, paulshechtman1@gmail.com), Professor Lori F. Damrosch (212-854-3740, damrosch@law.columbia.edu), and Professor Michel Paradis (212-854-5332, mparadis@law.columbia.edu). The Honorable Judge Richard J. Sullivan (212-857-2450, Richard_Sullivan@ca2.uscourts.gov), whose seminar I took last fall, has kindly agreed to act as an additional reference. The writing sample I have included in this application is the final paper I wrote for Judge Sullivan's course, American Jurisprudence: Judicial Interpretation and the Role of the Courts.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Respectfully,



Cosima Schelfhout

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, New York, NY

J.D., received May 2023

Honors: James Kent Scholar 2021–22 and 2022–23 (for outstanding academic achievement)

Activities: *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Notes Editor
Teaching Assistant for International Law, Professor Damrosch (Fall 2022)
Teaching Assistant for Freedom of Speech and the Press, President Bollinger (Fall 2021)
Research Assistant, TrialWatch

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, WALSH SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE, Washington, DC

B.S.F.S., *magna cum laude*, received May 2018

Activities: *The Hoya*, Features Writer
Georgetown Journal of International Affairs, Section Editor

EXPERIENCE

DISTRICT JUDGE HON. RONNIE ABRAMS, New York, NY

Extern

January 2023–May 2023

Conducted legal research on personal jurisdiction, discovery, and class action certification. Attended pre-trial conferences and trials.

KOSOVO SPECIALIST CHAMBERS, The Hague, Netherlands

Legal Intern, Defense Team for Kadri Veseli

January 2022–August 2022

Drafted pre-trial motions and prepared memoranda on superior responsibility, judicial notice, and joint criminal enterprise. Conducted evidence review and attended pre-trial hearings.

QUEEN'S COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, New York, NY

Extern

September 2021–December 2021

Acted as the lead prosecutor on two misdemeanor domestic violence cases at Queens Family Justice Center. Negotiated plea deals, subpoenaed evidence, drafted complaints, and argued pre-trial motions.

U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, S.D.N.Y., New York, NY

Legal Intern, Criminal Division

June 2021–August 2021

Drafted briefs for the Second Circuit. Researched and wrote memoranda. Attended depositions and trials.

BBC NEWS, Washington, DC

Producer

September 2018–July 2019

Newsgathering Intern

January 2018–September 2018

Secured interviews and conducted research for the production of television specials for BBC World News on subjects including the 2018-19 public trial of El Chapo and first anniversary of the Parkland shooting. Monitored wires and briefed correspondents before live broadcasts.

BBC NEWS NORTH AMERICA EDITOR, JON SOPEL, Washington, DC

Research Assistant

December 2018–June 2019

Conducted original research for *A Year at the Circus: Inside Trump's White House* (Penguin Books).

LANGUAGE SKILLS: French (proficient)

INTERESTS: Long-distance running, 20th Century American Poetry, travel in Sub-Saharan Africa



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Program: Juris Doctor

Cosima Schelfhout

Spring 2023

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6410-1	Constitution and Foreign Affairs	Damrosch, Lori Fisler	3.0	A
L6109-1	Criminal Investigations	Livingston, Debra A.	3.0	B+
L6661-1	Ex. Federal Court Clerk - SDNY	Radvany, Paul	1.0	CR
L6661-2	Ex. Federal Court Clerk - SDNY - Fieldwork	Radvany, Paul	3.0	CR
L6655-1	Human Rights Law Review		0.0	CR
L8876-1	International Criminal Investigations	Davis, Frederick	3.0	A

Total Registered Points: 13.0**Total Earned Points: 13.0**

Fall 2022

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6425-1	Federal Courts	Metzger, Gillian	4.0	A-
L6655-1	Human Rights Law Review		0.0	CR
L6274-3	Professional Responsibility	Rose, Kathy	2.0	A-
L8082-1	S. American Jurisprudence: Judicial Interpretation and The Role of Courts	Sullivan, Richard	2.0	A
L8169-1	S. Media Law	Balin, Robert; Klaris, Edward	2.0	A
L6822-1	Teaching Fellows	Damrosch, Lori Fisler	3.0	CR

Total Registered Points: 13.0**Total Earned Points: 13.0**

Spring 2022

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6238-1	Criminal Adjudication	Shechtman, Paul	3.0	A
L6655-1	Human Rights Law Review		0.0	CR
L6269-1	International Law	Damrosch, Lori Fisler	4.0	A
L6169-3	Legislation and Regulation	Bulman-Pozen, Jessica	4.0	B+
L6695-1	Supervised JD Experiential Study	Paradis, Michel	3.0	A
L6683-1	Supervised Research Paper	Paradis, Michel	1.0	A

Total Registered Points: 15.0**Total Earned Points: 15.0**

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Fall 2021

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6241-1	Evidence	Shechtman, Paul	3.0	A
L6607-1	Ex. Domestic Violence Prosecution	Camillo, Jennifer; Kessler, Scott	2.0	A-
L6607-2	Ex. Domestic Violence Prosecution - Fieldwork	Camillo, Jennifer; Kessler, Scott	2.0	CR
L6655-1	Human Rights Law Review		0.0	CR
L8079-1	Jurisprudence of War [Minor Writing Credit - Earned]	Paradis, Michel	3.0	A
L6675-1	Major Writing Credit	Paradis, Michel	0.0	CR
L6683-1	Supervised Research Paper	Paradis, Michel	2.0	A

Total Registered Points: 12.0**Total Earned Points: 12.0****Spring 2021**

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6105-1	Contracts	Scott, Robert	4.0	A-
L6108-3	Criminal Law	Liebman, James S.	3.0	B+
L6679-1	Foundation Year Moot Court	Strauss, Ilene	0.0	CR
L6229-1	Ideas of the First Amendment	Abrams, Floyd; Blasi, Vincent	4.0	A
L6130-2	Legal Methods II: Transnational Law and Legal Process	Cleveland, Sarah	1.0	CR
L6121-2	Legal Practice Workshop II	Olds, Victor	1.0	P
L6116-3	Property	Glass, Maeve	4.0	CR

Total Registered Points: 17.0**Total Earned Points: 17.0****Fall 2020**

Course ID	Course Name	Instructor(s)	Points	Final Grade
L6101-1	Civil Procedure	Lynch, Gerard E.	4.0	CR
L6133-2	Constitutional Law	Pozen, David	4.0	B
L6113-1	Legal Methods	Ginsburg, Jane C.	1.0	CR
L6115-2	Legal Practice Workshop I	Olds, Victor; Yoon, Nam Jin	2.0	P
L6118-1	Torts	Blasi, Vincent	4.0	B

Total Registered Points: 15.0**Total Earned Points: 15.0****Total Registered JD Program Points: 85.0****Total Earned JD Program Points: 85.0****Honors and Prizes**

Academic Year	Honor / Prize	Award Class
2022-23	James Kent Scholar	3L
2021-22	James Kent Scholar	2L

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Pro Bono Work

Type	Hours
Mandatory	40.0
Voluntary	40.0

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June 08, 2023

The Honorable Timothy Kelly
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Judge Kelly:

I write to give my strongest possible recommendation for Cosima Schelfhout to be a clerk in your chambers. I have had the pleasure of knowing Cosima for the past two years at Columbia as a student in my seminar, the Jurisprudence of War, as well as the faculty supervisor of her note and her independent research project with the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. In all three capacities, I found Cosima creative, hard-working, and a genuine pleasure to work with. She is an avid researcher and clear writer. And I have been consistently impressed by her, exceptional, legal acumen, dedication, and work ethic.

I first taught Cosima in the fall of her second year at Columbia, where she was an exceptional student. As we explored the President's War Powers and the application of the Constitution abroad, Cosima could consistently be relied upon to participate meaningfully in class discussions, to ask pertinent and incisive questions, and to engage both respectfully and meaningfully with her fellow students on what were often very contentious topics. In our brief conversations before and after class, I was impressed by her earnest enthusiasm for the subject and the law more generally.

Cosima has demonstrated an outstanding ability to conduct thorough legal research and distill complex legal concepts into clear and concise written analyses. For her term paper, Cosima produced a superb and original study of the duties that the Geneva Conventions impose upon states in their interactions with non-state armed groups. It was one of the best and most memorable papers I have graded in the decade I have taught at Columbia, and the fifteen years I have taught in the legal academy overall. Unsurprisingly, Cosima received an A.

I also had the privilege of serving as Cosima's note supervisor during her second year. I was instantly impressed by the originality of her proposal to study the legal obligations that states incur to civilian populations as they withdraw from conflict situations. This was on the heels of the United States' withdrawal from Afghanistan, and so the subject was topical as it was neglected by other scholars. And over the course of the year, Cosima proved herself to be diligent, never satisfied, and yet a genuine joy to work with. She worked independently, was receptive to feedback, and was always as happy to accept good suggestions and as she was tactful in rejecting bad ones. The result was a brilliant synthesis of international treaties, customary law, history, and legal commentary.

I continued supervising Cosima when she was hired as an intern for a defense team representing a Kosovar politician accused of war crimes before an international tribunal in the Hague. Cosima acquired her role on the team independently of Columbia and worked diligently through the university bureaucracy to ensure she received credit for her work. Over the course of several months, Cosima routinely sent me the work she completed for the internship, including draft motions and research memos. Her supervisors, the British Barrister Ben Emmerson and American Attorney Andrew Strong, also provided me with glowing feedback. And it was obvious why.

Over the past two years, in these diverse settings, I have gotten an excellent impression of Cosima's many skills. In addition to her talents, she has demonstrated an exceptional ability to manage her time and many burdens diligently. It is a sign of her professionalism and maturity that I never once had to "follow up" with her in any context. Instead, she proactively sent me her work, arranged for meetings well in advance, and was always punctual and prepared.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not say a few words about Cosima's interpersonal skills. She is a genuine pleasure to work with. To talk with her is to be struck by her refreshingly earnest curiosity, her professional maturity, and her genuine friendliness. Combined with her obvious intellectual gifts and work ethic, she is precisely the kind of person who thrives in collaborative environments. Given the right opportunities, she will be a leading light of the profession in the decades to come.

In short, having taught Cosima and supervised her for the past two years, I cannot recommend her highly enough. I say this not only for her benefit but because she will be an invaluable asset to you and the legal profession. I give her my highest recommendation.

I am happy to support his candidacy further or answer any questions by phone (1.212.252.2142) or email (mp3373@columbia.edu).

Sincerely,

Michel Paradis

Michel Paradis - mp3373@columbia.edu

June 13, 2023

The Honorable Timothy Kelly
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Judge Kelly:

I am pleased to provide a very enthusiastic recommendation for Cosima Schelfhout, of Columbia Law School's JD class of 2023, who is an applicant for a clerkship in your chambers. I have known Cosima in multiple contexts during her law school studies and can attest to her outstanding qualifications and suitability to serve as your law clerk. This letter updates my letter initially prepared in April 2023, which was submitted via OSCAR prior to receipt of Cosima's final paper for my Spring 2023 class and prior to the award of final honors to the class of 2023 at graduation. These latest developments confirm my enthusiasm for Cosima's application, and I address them toward the end of this updated letter.

Cosima took my course in International Law in the Spring 2022 semester, during her second year in law school. This was a medium-sized class of about 35 students, in which it was possible to get to know the students reasonably well and appreciate their strengths and weaknesses. Cosima impressed me early on for her willingness to contribute to class discussions, in which she demonstrated thorough preparation of difficult materials and insights into the theory and practice of international law; over the course of the semester, she ranked near the top in overall class participation. My favorable impressions were confirmed by her excellent performance on the written components of assessment for the course, consisting of a research exercise with mandatory and optional parts, and a blind-graded examination. Cosima turned in one of the very best research exercises, which, like the examination, was anonymously graded. The mandatory part of the research exercise instructed the students to locate bilateral and multilateral treaties with relevance to the Russian armed attack on Ukraine and to correlate treaty commitments with voting patterns in the United Nations General Assembly on a resolution deploring the attack and demanding withdrawal of Russian military forces. The optional part entailed research into treaties on suppression of crimes of international concern. The submission also included a reflective essay on the results of the treaty research. When the veil of anonymity was lifted, it was no surprise that Cosima's paper had achieved high marks on all components of the research exercise. Her blind-graded exam answers likewise placed her in the group qualifying for the highest grades. Based on all measures of evaluation, she was awarded the grade of "A," one of only a handful of "A" grades awarded in that class.

In light of her superior performance in my Spring 2022 class, I invited Cosima to serve as my teaching assistant for the Fall 2022 International Law class. In that role, she conducted weekly review sessions with the students, held periodic TA office hours, and assisted in the students' exam preparation. She carried out those responsibilities capably and I was very pleased with her work.

In the summer of 2022, when I lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law, I reconnected with Cosima who was then serving as an intern with the Kosovo Specialist Chambers based in The Hague, working with the defense team on a case involving war crimes in the former Yugoslavia. In that context, I learned of her interest in criminal law and encouraged her to develop that interest through future research and writing in her third year of law school.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, not only was Cosima my Fall 2022 teaching assistant, but I interacted with her through the Salzburg Cutler Global Fellows program, for which she was competitively selected to represent Columbia at a two-day seminar in Washington and to present her work-in-progress on a substantial research paper at a workshop in which I was a faculty commentator. For the seminar, she presented a paper with the title "Jus Post Bellum: Ensuring Protections for Civilians in Post-Conflict Environments," which she has developed as a full-scale note manuscript. The note argues for an interpretation of international humanitarian law in which states engaged in armed conflict incur an obligation to exercise due diligence to ensure protection of civilians in the post-conflict environment. Taking the U.S. withdrawal of armed forces from Afghanistan in August 2021 as illustrative of post-conflict problems in civilian protection, she analyzes the various strands of the laws of armed conflict to build the case for legal obligations not only in resorting to war (*jus ad bellum*) and during wartime (*jus in bello*), but also in preparing during war for the phase after wartime: *jus post bellum*. The note is deeply researched with an original and compelling humanitarian argument. It displays her skills at research and writing, which have been further honed through her work as a notes editor of the Columbia Human Rights Law Review.

In the Spring 2023 semester, Cosima took my course on the Constitution and Foreign Affairs and exercised the option to write a research paper in lieu of the examination. As her research topic, she chose the problem of foreign sovereign immunity as applied to criminal prosecution of foreign government-owned corporations – an issue that was pending at the Supreme Court in the *Halkbank* case for most of the semester and resulted in a Supreme Court ruling handed down in April 2023, shortly before the paper was due. That ruling resolved a question on which the Court had granted *certiorari* – whether the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act provides immunity from criminal as well as civil jurisdiction – and left other questions open to be decided on remand. Cosima had to do the bulk of her research on this interesting topic before knowing which way the Court would rule; and then after the judgment came down, she had to finalize the paper in a matter of days, focusing mainly on the issues to be addressed on remand. Her analysis considers the open questions of whether customary international law on foreign state immunity binds U.S. states as a matter of federal common law, and also whether the Executive Branch could shield foreign states from criminal prosecutions in U.S. state courts through the vehicle of binding suggestions of immunity. She analyzes these issues against the backdrop of various modalities of constitutional argument, with attention to the Founders' views on creating "one nation" in foreign affairs and historical practice concerning Executive acts to make determinations of immunity binding on state as

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well as federal courts. I was very pleased with the paper, which confirms the views I had previously formed on the basis of her earlier work that she has research and writing abilities at the high level expected of a federal law clerk.

In this class, as in all the other contexts in which I have seen her in action, she was an active contributor in full command of complex material. Because of the high quality of the paper and her class participation, she again received the grade of "A," the highest grade awarded.

My high opinion of Cosima's accomplishments is evidently shared by my Columbia law faculty colleagues, as she has attained academic honors at the James Kent Scholar level, which is Columbia's top bracket of academic distinction and evidence of her qualifications for a top clerkship. Now that her transcript for her final semester is in hand, I am pleased to observe that she has been awarded the Kent Scholar distinction for both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years. Only a small fraction of her classmates have earned this high honor twice.

In connection with preparing this recommendation, I had the opportunity to review a packet of materials which Cosima shared with me, which included a paper she had written the previous semester for the Seminar on American Jurisprudence: Judicial Interpretation and the Role of Courts. The title of the paper, "The Inconsistent Case for Originalism," caught my eye and I read it out of interest and for its connections to the themes of constitutional interpretation that are central to my course on the Constitution and Foreign Affairs (in which she was then working on the Halkbank paper; see above). The Originalism paper reviews selected writings on originalism by three of the most influential exponents of that method – Judge Robert Bork, Justice Antonin Scalia, and Justice Clarence Thomas – and shows that each of these authors resorts to non-originalist methods in their advocacy of originalism: that is, they invoke the very methods they criticize – for example, consequentialist arguments – in support of their contention that originalism is preferable to other modalities. It offers an intriguing perspective on one of the central problems of constitutional methodology of recent decades and shows her aptitude for legal writing.

In all the settings in which I have worked with her and learned of her work with others, Cosima has demonstrated the range of qualities that you would want to have in your law clerk. I also know of her passionate interests in human rights, criminal law and procedure, and constitutional law – all of which she will bring to bear in a clerkship. I urge you to invite her for an interview and select her to serve in your chambers.

Sincerely yours,

Lori Fisler Damrosch

PAUL SHECHTMAN
335 Greenwich Street, Apt. 2C
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April 18, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Cosmina Schelfhout for a clerkship. Cosmina was my student at Columbia Law School in Evidence and Criminal Adjudication and received an A in both courses. Her exams were among the highest in each class and showed a complete command of the material, as did her class participation.

Cosmina approached me after class one night to talk about her experience as an intern at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in the summer after her first year in law school. (I did two stints in that Office, the second as Chief of the Criminal Division.) Her enthusiasm was evident. She also told me about working in the Hague and her interest in human rights law. As a result, I arranged for her to meet with a former Southern District AUSA who had worked in the Hague, and the two hit it off; the meeting proved enjoyable for them both. What is plain is that Cosmina takes initiative: she wants a career as a litigator, most likely in the public sector, and she has used her time in law school (and law school summers) to advance that goal.

Cosmina has all the other characteristics that make for a good law clerk: she is unpretentious and has a keen sense of humor. Although she did no writing for my classes, her extensive background in journalism suggests that she will not fail you on that score. High grades and a winning way are a receipt for a first-rate law clerk, and I have no doubt that Cosmina will be just that. I recommend her to you without reservation.

Sincerely,

Paul Shechtman

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Applicant Education

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Date of BA/BS	May 2020
JD/LLB From	Harvard Law School
	https://hls.harvard.edu/dept/ocs/
Date of JD/LLB	May 25, 2023
Class Rank	School does not rank
Law Review/Journal	Yes
Journal(s)	Harvard Law and Policy Review
Moot Court Experience	Yes
Moot Court Name(s)	Ames Moot Court

Bar Admission**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/Externships	No
Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk	No

Specialized Work Experience

Recommenders

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References

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This applicant has certified that all data entered in this profile and any application documents are true and correct.

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June 1, 2023

The Honorable Timothy J. Kelly
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Judge Kelly:

I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers for 2025. I graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard Law School in May 2023, earned the Dean's Award for Community Leadership, and served as the Executive Online Editor for the *Harvard Law and Policy Review*. I will begin working as a Litigation Associate for McDermott, Will, and Emery in their DC Office in October.

Enclosed are my resume, law school transcript, and writing sample. The following people are submitting letters of recommendation on my behalf:

- Prof. Jacob Gersen; Harvard Law School; jgersen@law.harvard.edu (617) 496-5487
- Prof. Matthew Stephenson; Harvard Law School; mstephenson@law.harvard.edu (617) 384-0291
- Prof. Molly Brady; Harvard Law School; mbrady@law.harvard.edu (617) 495-7653
- Daniel Hessel; Harvard Election Law Clinic; dhessel@law.harvard.edu

My experience with former Judge Thomas Griffith in his Role of the Article III Judge course at Harvard showed me what an engaging, cordial, and challenging workplace the DC Circuit and District courts can be. He has offered to serve as a reference for me during this process and can be contacted as follows: Thomasbgriffith@gmail.com; 202-821-7691. As I plan the start of my life and legal career in Washington, I cannot imagine a better opportunity to expand my horizons than clerking for you.

If there is any additional information that would be helpful to you I would be happy to provide it promptly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Wettach

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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2023

Honors: Dean's Scholar Prize in Legislation & Regulation, Ancient Law, Torts, Securities Regulation, Criminal Procedure: Investigations, The Mind and Criminal Responsibility in the Anglo-American Tradition, and Federal Courts and the Federal System; Dean's Community Leadership Award

Activities: *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, Executive Online Editor

HLS Parody 2022-2023

Teaching Fellow: Legislation & Regulation, Property, Pathways to Leadership in the Public Sector, and Torts

SMITH COLLEGE, Northampton, MA

A.B., *summa cum laude* in Government and Economics, May 2020

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Sigma Alpha (Government Honors Society)

Michelman Memorial Prize (Academic Achievement and Contribution to College Life)

Cohen Prize (Economics) and Dawes Prize (Political Science)

Activities: Gold Key Guide (awarded Gold Key of Year 2019 for service to the Admissions Department)

Student Government Association, Curriculum Committee Chair

EXPERIENCE

MCDERMOTT, WILL, AND EMERY, Washington, DC

Summer Associate, May – July 2022

- Draft amicus briefs, briefs in opposition for cert petitions
- Prepare clients for cross examination; draft cross examination for hostile witnesses
- Perform and compile legal research; prepare 50-State Survey on pay-to-play laws; edit third-party funding article

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, DC

Legal Intern, Competition Policy Division, May – August 2021

- Summarized ongoing net neutrality proceedings
- Drafted predictive memos on the scope of FCC authority in broadband, internet-calling, and preemption of state law
- Evaluated robocall mitigation plans submitted by local voice-over service providers

SMITH COLLEGE, Northampton, MA

Master Tutor, Spinelli Center for Quantitative Learning, September 2018 – May 2020

- Conducted individual appointments and biweekly office hours for Intermediate Microeconomics students

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, September 2018 – January 2019

- Guided student research projects, reviewed essays before submission, taught public speaking skills.

Research Assistant, Biology and Economics Departments, September 2016 – May 2018

- Performed data entry and database analysis, wrote original code for research into international worker satisfaction
- Created databases from grey squirrel specimens at Chicago Field Museum

Summer at Smith Teaching Assistant, July 2017

- Mentored high school students, reviewed and commented on assignments for Writing Young Adult Fiction

MICKLE PUBLIC AFFAIRS AGENCY, Washington, DC

Intern, May – August 2019

- Prepared topical essays for national publication
- Managed communications between clients, national media outlets, and members of Congress

CITY OF ORLANDO, Orlando, FL

Research Intern, Greenworks Department, January 2019

- Researched and gave advice on potential legal challenges to a single-use plastic products ban on city property

COMMISSION ON LOCAL DEBATES, Orlando, FL

Research Intern, June 2018

- Drafted debate questions, and created demographic profiles on Central Florida state house districts and candidates

INTERESTS: Creative writing, politics, archery

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL - STUDENT SELF SERVICE

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Madeleine C Wettach

5/23/2023

3L, Section 3

Fall 2020 Term: Sep 1 - Dec 31

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
1003	Legislation and Regulation 3 <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Stephenson	H*	4.00
1001	Contracts 3	Lessig	H	4.00
1002	Criminal Law 3	Kamali	P	4.00
1000	Civil Procedure 3	Clark	P	4.00
1006	First Year Legal Research and Writing 3B	Barrow	P	2.00
<i>Subtotal:</i>				18.00

Winter 2021 Term: Jan 1 - Jan 22

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
1056	Pathways to Leadership Workshop for the Public Sector	Crawford	CR	2.00
<i>Subtotal:</i>				2.00

Spring 2021 Term: Jan 25 - May 14

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2472	Comparative Law: Ancient Law <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Lanni	H*	3.00
1005	Torts 3 <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Gersen	H*	4.00
1004	Property 3	Brady	H	4.00
1006	First Year Legal Research and Writing 3B	Barrow	H	2.00
1024	Constitutional Law 3	Bowie	P	4.00
<i>Subtotal:</i>				17.00

Fall 2021 Term: Sep 1 - Dec 3

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2048	Corporations	Spamann	H	4.00
2163	American Legal History 1776-1865	Gordon-Reed	H	3.00
2000	Administrative Law	Freeman	P	4.00
2043	Copyright and Trademark Litigation	Cendali	P	2.00
Subtotal:				13.00

Winter 2022 Term: Jan 4 - Jan 21

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2016	The Role of the Article III Judge	Griffith	H	2.00
Subtotal:				2.00

Spring 2022 Term: Feb 1 - May 13

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2224	Securities Regulation <i>*Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Jackson	H*	3.00
2033	Conflict of Laws	Singer	H	4.00
2250	Trusts and Estates	Sitkoff	H	4.00
3123	Constitutional Structure and Rights: How the document is read	Lessig	H	4.00
Subtotal:				15.00

Fall 2022 Term: Sep 1 - Dec 31

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2566	Federal Budget Policy	Jackson	H	2.00
2079	Evidence	Lvovsky	H	4.00
2169	Legal Profession	Wacks	H	3.00
2074	Environmental Law	Lazarus	H	4.00
Subtotal:				13.00

Winter 2023 Term: Jan 1 - Jan 31

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2426	Appellate Courts and Advocacy Workshop	Wolfman	H	2.00
Subtotal:				2.00

Spring 2023 Term: Feb 1 - May 31

Course Code	Title	Primary Instructor	Grade	Credits
2831	Mind and Criminal Responsibility in the Anglo-American Tradition <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Kamali	H*	2.00
2086	Federal Courts and the Federal System <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Fallon	H*	5.00
2050	Criminal Procedure: Investigations <i>* Dean's Scholar Prize</i>	Jain	H*	4.00
7008W	Writing in Conjunction with Appellate Courts and Advocacy Workshop	Wolfman	H	1.00
3005	Election Law Clinical Seminar	Greenwood	H	2.00
8053	Election Law Clinic	Greenwood	H	2.00
			<i>Subtotal:</i>	16.00
Projected Total: 98.00				



June 11, 2023

via electronic submission

Re: Maddie Wettach's Clerkship Application

Your Honor,

I write to support Maddie Wettach's application for a clerkship in your chambers. I supervised Maddie when she was a student in the Election Law Clinic at Harvard Law School (ELC) during Spring Semester 2023. Maddie is a talented researcher and writer, intellectually curious, and hardworking. She is also thoughtful and kind to others. In short, she has all the professional and interpersonal skills necessary to make her a successful law clerk.

As a student in ELC, Maddie worked on *Jacksonville Branch of the NAACP v. City of Jacksonville* (Case No. 3:22-cv-493 M.D. Fla.), a case alleging that the City of Jacksonville racially gerrymandered several of its City Council and School Board districts in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. By the time Maddie joined the case team, plaintiffs had won a preliminary injunction ordering the City to use plaintiff-submitted maps. As the case entered discovery, the parties engaged in negotiations over several arcane but critical questions regarding the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Maddie helped research those questions, looking into district court orders throughout the country as well as treatises on federal procedure. Her work was thorough and presented well. Maddie asked many thoughtful questions during her research process. Not all students do that, and even fewer express curiosity with subsections of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. That genuine excitement to learn and understand the most minute of minutiae will serve Maddie well as a law clerk—I'm confident that she'll be fully engaged in any case she works on, whether an attention-getting civil rights suit or a dry, technical patent dispute.

As part of her work on the Jacksonville case, Maddie also researched how trial courts have applied the *Arlington Heights* factors to assess claims of discriminatory intent. Specifically, she produced a compendium of the evidence presented at the trial level in a series of voting-related *Arlington Heights* cases, and how the courts weighed that evidence. This assignment required a deep dive into the dockets and trial court findings of fact, and Maddie handled it with aplomb. Finally, Maddie and another student wrote a memo assessing our clients' likelihood of prevailing on a discrete request for equitable relief. I circulated that memo to our co-counsel in the case, and the legal team used it to determine our strategy in seeking the relief in question. Suffice it to say, Maddie's research and analysis impressed me enough to base a key part of our case strategy on her work.

The Clinic includes a seminar component. Maddie participated more than any other student—her hand was often the first raised to answer questions, and she always asked questions of her own. Her comments were thoughtful and probing. For the Seminar's final project, students must develop a memorandum proposing and detailing potential litigation. Maddie submitted a detailed approach to using the National Voter Registration Act to re-enfranchise Floridians with felony convictions. Her paper reflected a significant amount of hard work and a passion to improve



the rights of her fellow Floridians. Overall, it was a strong final project that reflected Maddie's research and writing skills.

On an interpersonal level, Maddie is a pleasure to supervise. She comes to each meeting with a series of questions to help her better understand and achieve her goals. She's fun to talk with and always respectful of her teammates. I have no doubt that she would work well with her co-clerks and judicial staff.

Sincerely,

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June 01, 2023

The Honorable Timothy Kelly
E. Barrett Prettyman United States Courthouse
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Dear Judge Kelly:

I write to support Maddie Wettach's application for a clerkship in your chambers. I have known Maddie for two years as a student, a research assistant, and a teaching fellow. I am completely confident that she will be a superb clerk and be liked by judge and co-clerks alike. I urge you to hire her.

Maddie was born and raised in Orlando, Florida and did her undergraduate work at Smith College in Northampton, MA. My sense is that attending a women's college was formative experience for her, reinforcing her sense of justice and the importance of activism-earned, legally-secured rights.

Here at Harvard Law School she has clearly excelled. She received no fewer than three Dean Scholar's Prizes in her first year, including my Torts class. Maddie is obviously a go-getter and a hard worker, but she has none of unpleasant bravado that can sometimes accompany driven intellectually capable law students. Instead, she has a delightful demeanor. She is easy going and I have never seen her get flustered, even under rather intense cold-calling. In her Torts class, she gained a reputation as the student who could be called to answer seemingly impossible questions. Even in the challenging online environment of her 1L year, she learned to think deeply and write clearly about the law. She was always excited to share her ideas in our class discussions, but she was also an active listener to her fellow students. Her journal assignments were creative (and often funny) and showed how deeply she engaged with the material.

Though driven, Maddie has not lost sight of the compassion that inspired her to go to law school. In her 2L year, she has put those skills to good use, not just to further her own academic endeavors but to help the Class of 2024 find their own success at HLS. As one of my teaching fellows for Torts this past spring, she was responsive and clear in her communications, flexible in her schedule, and honest and insightful in her feedback. She always made time for my Torts students this Spring, and her hard work helped make the semester a fantastic one to teach. The review sessions, office hours, and one-on-one meetings she hosted helped them grapple with not only the black letter Torts material, but the more esoteric economic and philosophical big picture ideas I wanted them to take away from this course. I am enormously grateful to have had her as a Teaching Fellow.

Outside of the academic years, Maddie was a summer law clerk for the FCC Competition Policy Division after her 1L year, and she will spend this summer as a summer associate in McDermott, Will, and Emery's Washington, DC office.

In terms of temperament, Maddie is easy-going and well-adjusted. She will work well in any professional environment I can imagine. Maddie is ambitious, but I have never sensed that she is on a hunt to pad her resume. She came to law school straight from college because she understood what doors a J.D. could open and didn't want to wait before running through them. I give Maddie my wholehearted endorsement. She would make an excellent clerk, as I hope you will see. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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June 09, 2023

The Honorable Timothy Kelly
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Dear Judge Kelly:

I am writing on behalf of Madeleine Wettach, a magna cum laude graduate of the Harvard Law School class of 2023. I am happy to be able to recommend her for a clerkship in your chambers. Ms. Wettach was an outstanding law student, and I have every confidence that she will be an outstanding law clerk as well.

My recommendation is based principally on Ms. Wettach's excellent performance as a student in my Legislation and Regulation class, which she took in the Fall 2020 semester (the first semester of her 1L year). This is a large (80-person) required course, which focuses on doctrine and legal argumentation, and which I conduct in a traditional Socratic style, with lots of cold-calling. The Fall 2020 semester was a particularly challenging one, given that the pandemic forced us to hold all classes online. This setting placed even greater demands on students, but despite the difficult circumstances, Ms. Wettach rose to the occasion, emerging as one of the most capable and engaged students in the class. And her performance on the written final (an 8-hour open-book take-home test) was fantastic. Indeed, her exam answers were among the best in a very strong class, earning her a well-deserved Dean's Scholar Prize (DSP). Her exam was so good that I used her answers (anonymized, and with her permission) as a model to help other students understand how they could have improved their performance.

Partly because of her outstanding performance in my class, and partly because of my generally favorable impression of her character, I hired Ms. Wettach as a teaching assistant for the Legislation and Regulation course in the Fall 2021 semester. In that capacity, Ms. Wettach led weekly discussion sections for small groups of 1Ls and helped answer their questions about the more challenging aspects of the class. I have heard nothing but positive feedback about her performance in that role, further demonstrating both her intellectual ability and her talent for communication.

One of the many unfortunate consequences of the pandemic is that I have not had the opportunity to get to know many of my students as well as I would like outside of the classroom setting. But I have had at least a few opportunities to chat with Ms. Wettach, both online and in person, and I have come away impressed. She exudes positive energy, enthusiasm, and intellectual curiosity. She would be a great person to have in chambers. She has a bright future ahead of her, and I am happy to have the opportunity to recommend her for a clerkship. I hope you give her application the most serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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June 01, 2023

The Honorable Timothy Kelly
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Dear Judge Kelly:

I am writing to recommend Maddie Wettach, a member of the Class of 2023 at Harvard Law School, for a clerkship in your chambers. Maddie is just a delight—hilariously funny, eager and excited to learn, and a law nerd in the best imaginable way. She will be a terrific clerk, and I am thrilled to be able to recommend her to you.

I first met Maddie when she enrolled in my first-year reading group, Comedy and the Law. 1L reading groups are small, twelve-person seminars that are not taken for credit; instead, they offer students the chance to interact with classmates and a faculty member in a more intimate setting, a contrast to the first-year fall experience. In our class, we study the history of the lawyer joke and what it reveals about legal culture, legal protections for humor through the First Amendment and intellectual property doctrines, and judicial use of humor. Maddie's contributions to our reading group discussion were the best—she was unafraid to kick off a discussion, and she was equal parts funny and insightful. I loved having Maddie as a student in that setting, and I was thrilled to know that she would also be in my Property class in her 1L spring. (Before moving past comedy, I should note that Maddie was a star in the HLS Parody show, the annual send-up of the law school, its faculty, and its students—she won one of the Dean's Awards for Community in part for her role in that organization.)

Maddie remained excellent throughout the Property class. From day one, her engagement with the material was impossible to miss. In a single class, she might raise her hand to suggest ways that property law could help marginalized communities and then raise her hand again to tell the class about some wild and hilarious property dispute from her hometown. Maddie's written work was uniformly great—clear, concise, and displaying a mastery of the doctrines we studied. (Plus, you guessed it, her writing was sometimes even appropriately funny; one of Maddie's assignments was to track down an intellectual property dispute and analyze it using the doctrines we studied in class. Maddie's analysis of whether a cake design can ever be the subject of a copyright infringement action begins: "Currently in the United Kingdom, amidst the turmoil of Brexit and the endless dramas of the British Royal Family, an institution more hallowed than trans-European post-war economic cooperation and the monarchy is under threat: a cake shaped like a caterpillar.")

Maddie easily earned an Honors grade on the Property final and only narrowly missed a Dean's Scholar prize. On that basis, I hired her as a teaching assistant—also because I knew that she would be warm and welcoming towards my first-year students. Maddie was excellent in that role, and indeed, she has been a teaching fellow in four separate courses. This is remarkable (and possibly unprecedented), and it reflects just how much my colleagues and I hold Maddie in esteem. She is knowledgeable, diligent, friendly, and helpful, and she would certainly bring those qualities to a clerkship.

I called Maddie a law nerd in the best imaginable way. It is obvious that she loves learning about doctrinal puzzles and policy problems; it was obvious even across the Zoom screen, since her entire first year was remote. (I could count on Maddie to nod when something seemed clear, look puzzled when an explanation was unsatisfactory, and laugh at my lame jokes, benefits that cannot be discounted when you are teaching to a web camera.) Perhaps most tellingly, unlike many students in her Property course who, despite our transition to remote learning, moved to Cambridge and got to know one another across outdoor gatherings and social distance, Maddie spent her entire first year studying from her kitchen in Florida. Nevertheless, she is adored by her classmates and faculty members, and she was a full and beloved member of Section 3. In the rest of her law school career, she threw herself into making up for lost time inside and outside the classroom, and she succeeded on every score.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss Maddie's application, do not hesitate to call me. I am so happy to count Maddie as one of my students. She has the writing, research, and interpersonal skills to make an outstanding clerk, and I hope you will give her consideration.

Sincerely,

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